

UBAM – GLOBAL TECH CONVERTIBLE BOND

Quarterly Comment

Marketing communication

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Market Comment

- After the spike in volatility during March, the quarter started on a much quieter stance as equities rebounded and credit spreads and rates stabilized over April. With the US President Joe Biden and Kevin McCarthy, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, eventually reaching an agreement to raise the nation's borrowing limit a new episode of volatility over the US debt ceiling has been avoided. Most of the quarterly equity market performance has actually been delivered in June. We have seen a strong upward movement on the back of the enthusiasm over generative AI which boosted technology names in June. It has had some positive knock-on effect on the semi-conductor sector. Markets found support in the resilient US economy and less hawkish tone from the US Federal Reserve. The Fed rose its interest rate to 5.25% over the quarter, with only one rate hike of 25bps in May. US 10-year rate have risen by 36bps to 3.48% over the quarter. Overall volatility has fallen through Q2 across asset classes. High Yield credit spreads tighten during Q2 down by 53bps in the US.
- Major equity markets delivered positive performances over the second quarter of the year and global equities ended the quarter up 7.0% (MSCI World TR) and the S&P 500 index increased by 8.7% quarter-on-quarter. The US Technology Select Sector index rose by 15.4% over the quarter, significantly outperforming the broad S&P 500 index.
- The Refinitiv Global Hedged Convertible Bond Index (USD Hedged) returned 3.6% q/q but the US Tech convertible segment, measured by BofA US Tech Convertible Index, outperformed being up 6.6% over the period.
- Primary market confirmed its rebound with the introduction of close to \$20 billion of convertible bonds during the second quarter of 2023. The US contributing \$14.3bn. The Technology sector contribution reached \$1.5bn or 11% of the total amount issued in the US during Q1 2023.

Performance Review

- For the quarter ending 30 June 2023, the UBAM – Global Tech Convertible Bond Fund (IC USD) returned 3.81% after fees. During this quarter specifically:
 - The information technology theme, first, turned out to be positive, as revealed by the outperformance of the US tech equity index over the broad US equity market in Q2 (+6.7% - see above).
 - The choice of convertibles to get exposure to the IT equity market (“the structuration”), was negative. There was a -9.4% underperf. q/q of the US tech equity index vs. our Tech Convertible Bond Universe.
 - This quarter, the positive performance of our strategy comes from the technology theme allocation while being partially offset by structuration, allocation and the transaction costs.
- At firm level, top contributors over the quarter were Palo Alto (+90bps, software & services), MongoDB (+88bps, software & services) and Bill.com (+45bps, software & services). On the opposite end, holdings in Impinj (-26bps, semiconductors & semiconductor equipment), Enphase (-27bps, semiconductors & semiconductor equipment) and Wolfspeed (-43bps, semiconductors & semiconductor equipment) detracted.

¹For indicative purpose only, the strategy has no official benchmark.

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Portfolio Activity

- Within the UBAM – Global Tech Convertible Bond portfolio, the second quarter was marked by:
 - Liquidity-related adjustments (e.g. Altair Engineering 2027, Infinera 2028, Perficient 2026, Vishay Intertechnology 2025)
 - Credit related trades (e.g. Liveperson 2026, Wolfspeed 2029)
 - Accounting quality-related trades (e.g. Dropbox 2026, Guidewire 2025, Impinj 2027, MongoDB 2026)
 - Security financing-related trades (e.g. Ceridian HCM 2026, Pagerduty 2025)
 - Limited risk-taking on sector outliers (e.g. Confluent 2027)
 - Call redemption (e.g. Silicon Lab 2025)
- During the quarter, the portfolio reported a turnover of 72.6% with an average realized beta versus the Tech equity index of 0.26
- At June-end, UBAM – Global Tech Convertible Bond exhibits an expected beta of 0.28 versus Tech equity index with nearly 2/5 of the expected Tech equity index volatility.

Outlook

- Over the first months of the year central banks have continued to tighten their monetary policy, the upper bound of the Fed fund rates is now at 5.25% and the ECB's deposit rate is at 3.5%. The strong labor market and lower inflation legitimate their actions. That being said, the macroeconomic environment has shown signs of a desynchronized cycle both regionally and in sector terms. Economic surprise index in Europe has been falling sharply while the US one has shown more resilience. In this context, uncertainty around the future decisions from central banks persists and the uneven market performances create confusion. Indeed, we noticed that for the S&P 500, 5 out of 11 sectors, under the GICS classification, are still in negative territory year-to-date while 3 sectors have performances above 30%.
- The long-term case for the tech industry is still very valid especially within cloud, cybersecurity, and artificial intelligence. The growth within electric vehicle is also likely to support strong demand for semiconductors.
- We believe Technology sector should perform better thanks to reduced upside pressure on interest rates from H2 2023 and attractive valuations at current level. On average the Price-to-sales ratio has fallen by 50% since their 2021 highs for convertible issuer in the technology sector. **Given the high volatility within the tech sector, we believe tech convertible bonds offer a more attractive risk-return profile compared to equities.**

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